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SUBJECT: SPAIN LOWERING EXPECTATIONS ON MFO CONTRIBUTION

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(SBU) DG for the Middle East, Mediterranean and Africa
Alvaro Iranzo told the DCM September 13 that Spain remains
committed to a contribution to the MFO this year, but he
cautioned that budgetary constraints would likely limit the
size of the contribution. He and his Deputy DG for the
Middle East Alberto Ucelay expressed their opinion that Spain
would likely only be able to contribute approximately
USD120,000 to pay for one FAV. Poloff asked Ucelay
separately whether the GOS would welcome a visit by MFO
Director General James Larocco, to which Ucelay replied
"absolutely" and suggested that such a visit might help shake
loose some funds.
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